THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Regular supplies of plastic raw materials are being made by IPCL to the older units registered with it based on the past offtake. However, releases are also made in respect of units established in 1984, 1985 and 1986 from time to time depending on the availability of raw material.

(c) and (d) New plastic units have come up in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years. To meet the gap between demand and local availability, the Government has allowed import of low density polyethylene|polypropylene|poly vinyl chloride on Open General Licence basis for actual users. Import duties on plastics raw material have also been rationalised.

Central subsidy to industries in 'No Industries districts'

2290. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was released by the Central Government as Central subsidy to the industries established in 'No Industries Districts' in the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 in the entire country;

(b) how much amount has been released to the industries established in Bidar in Karnataka in the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and in 1987 upto the end of September; and

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that several industries in Bidar have not received the Central subsidy for the last two years, if so, what action is being taken to advance the Central subsidy to these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The amount of central investment subsidy reimbursed to various States and Union Territories in the country during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below:—

1985-86	Rs. 101.27 crores
1986-87	Rs. 125.12 crores

District-wise details are not maintained centrally.

(b) The amount reimbursed to the State of Karnataka as Central Investment Subsidy during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 (up to Sept.) is given below: Districtwise details are not maintained centrally.

1985-86	6.55
1986-87	6.48
1987-88 . . . . (upto Sept.)	0.52

(c) Under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, subsidy is disbursed by the State Government|Union Territory Administration concerned and reimbursement claimed from the Central Government. There is no claim pending from Karnataka for reimbursement of Central Investment Subsidy.

Basis of monitoring drug prices

2291. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced that prices of decontrolled medicines will be monitored by it;

(b) if so, what are the details of the mechanism adopted for monitoring; and

(c) what will be the basis on which prices of decontrolled medicines will be monitored in the absence of price control on ingredients required in the manufacture of these medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Changes in prices of these medicines will be compared to the previous months prices from selected places in the country.

Increasing the production of petroleum and natural gas

2292. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the indigenous production of petroleum and natural gas has increased during the last ten years;

(b) what further increase is expected in the said production during the next five years; and

(c) how do the prices of indigenously produced petroleum and its products compare with those in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is as follows.

Year	Production of crude oil (Million tonnes)	Production of natural gas (Billion cubic meters)
1976-77 .	8.9	2.4 Actual
1986-87 .	30.5	9.9 Actual
1987-88 .	30.46	11.6 Planned
1988-89 .	32.11	14.5 Expected
1990 91 .	34.15	14.9 Expected
1991-92 .	37.50	20.8 Expected

(c) Market (Spot) prices of some selected crudes and Estimated Indian crude prices are as follows:—

	US$ Barrel (August, 1987)
International Crude	
1 Nigeria (Bonny Light) .	19.31
2 Algeria (Sahara Blend). .	19.13
3 U.A.E. (Murban) . .	17.90
4 Iran (Iranian Light) . .	17.70
5 India	18.70

Consumer|retail prices of petroleum products in selected developing and developed countries during January|February, 1987 may be seen in the statement attached. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 101)

Complaint against Prabhat Gas Service

2293. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any written or oral complaints have been made to the Indian Oil Corporation, New Delhi for poor consumer services and unethical practices indulged in by Messrs. Prabhat Gas Service, Janakpuri, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Indian Oil Corporation authorities have not taken any action against this dealer; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Some complaints regarding delayed refill supply and poor customer service have been received;

(b) and (c) The complaints received were investigated, and wherever necessary appropriate action has been taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Strike by petrol and diesel dealers

2294. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dealers of petrol and diesel had gone on a strike in some parts of the country asking for a raise in the percentage of commission; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the percentage of commission on petrol, diesel and other products they are asking for; and what percentage Government is allowing them at present; and